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Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2019 8:59 AM
To: Alafat, Beth; Gutro, Doug
Cc: LeClair, Jacqueline
Subject: RE: Draft Desk Statement - Public meeting in Lewiston ME re. Central ME Power & ACE

Our emails crossed simultaneously – I've just sent this to Dennis to make sure he's good with it. Hopefully I/we will hear back this morning.

Best Regards,
Dave

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Hi Dave,  
Can you send me the final desk statement? I will make copies today.  
Thanks  
Beth

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Many thanks Tim. I like your edits for clarity of language. I'll hold off sending around any further update until Monday when Ken can weigh in.

Best Regards,  
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Dave:

I made some edits (in redline/strikeout) to the draft desk statement for consideration but defer to Jackie and Beth here as it is their program. I did not add in any NEPA reference as I think this is solely a Corps of Engineers Wetlands Info Session/Public Hearing.

Thanks for looping me in.

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Adding Tim T. for any NEPA input.

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Hi Ken and Doug,

Below is a draft desk statement regarding this topic that Jackie, Beth, and I have drafted for the meeting in Lewiston next Thursday. At your convenience please let us know if you have comments/suggestions before we share this with Dennis for his input.

Thanks!!

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DRAFT DESK STATEMENT

EPA role in Army Corps of Engineers Public Information Session on New England Clean Energy Connect Proposed Project

December 5, 2019

EPA was requested by the US Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) to participate in today's public information session, in advance of the Army Corps' Public Hearing on a proposed project by Central Maine Power Company (New England Clean Energy Connect).

EPA's primary responsibility is to evaluate projects and determine if it complies with the 404(b)(1) guidelines which includes the evaluation of aquatic impacts from a proposed project. EPA recently requested additional information from the ACE regarding wetlands impacts in the proposed route for the project which we are in the process of reviewing. At this time, EPA has not reached any conclusions about potential impacts to aquatic resources or mitigation needed for the project. EPA looks forward to working with ACE and other interested parties as we evaluate this proposal.

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